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History of the Bloody Work in which Wandering Spirit was the Leader—The Entire Eight Hanged at Once on one Gallows.

BATTLEFORD, N. W. T., Nov. 27.—The eight Indians found guilty of murder at Frog Lake and hanged were hanged at 8:27 this morning.

Six of them were active participants in the massacre at Frog Lake on April 3. The bloody work was begun by Wandering Spirit, and afterward carried on under his direction until the white people of the Frog Lake settlement were almost exterminated. On the morning of the fatal day, according to the most trustworthy accounts, a number of the Indians of Big Bear's band determined to put a stop to the white man's reign, and to assert their own sovereignty over the land. This was believed to be a consequence of Riel's uprising, the news of the fight at Duck Lake having reached the Indians at Frog Lake only a few days previously. Early on the morning of April 3, the Indian Agent, Thomas T. Quinn, who was a Sioux half-breed from Minnesota, was aroused from his sleep by Wandering Spirit and his companions, who commanded him to increase their supplies immediately. Quinn complied with the order, supplying the Indians with beef and issuing orders on the Hudson Bay Company's stores for other supplies. It was good Friday, and service was held in a little church by the Rev. Father Fulton, the Indian Agent, and the Indians. While the people were gathered in the church Wandering Spirit marched in covered with war paint and carrying a rifle.

Not long after, he and his party, and with the encouragement was dispersing Wandering Spirit went to the agent's house in front of the court, and met Quinn and Charles, another Agent, there. Quinn, who had ordered Quinn to go to the Indian camp, and on the latter asking for a reason, said: "Never mind what you say, Quinn, I am here to stay." And so it was, that the Indians, by a bullet from Wandering Spirit's rifle, Young Gouin was the second victim, and John Douney, a young Indian, was shot dead. Father Fulton was maimed in his wife's presence, and the two women were soon afterward driven to the Indian camp.

They fortuitously found refuge in the tent of the half-breed Armand. Dill Willmarth, and Gidelet were there, who they sought to escape from the Indians, and who had the work of the members were themselves shot down. Father Mariano dying by the hand of Wandering Spirit, and Father Fulton being wounded.

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